

EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS

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The Union Vale Fire District is authorized to possess and use EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS (EPI-PENS) by the New York State Dept. of Health. The following shall apply to Epi-pen use in the District.

TRAINING:

All personnel designated to use Epi-pens shall successfully complete a training module following the training guidelines for use of epinephrine for allergic reactions as developed by the New York State Dept. of Health. A record shall be maintained of all training dates, a roster of those attending, refresher training dates, the curriculum followed and a subsequent list of those authorized to use Epi-pens. All authorized personnel shall complete refresher training on Epi-pens at least annually.

USE:

The Union Vale Fire District and its trained personnel will operate under appropriate protocols for use of epinephrine for allergic reactions as promulgated by the New York State Dept. of Health. All patients administered epinephrine shall be transported without delay to a hospital emergency department for further care/evaluation. The District Medical director shall be notified within 24 hours of the administration of an Epi-pen.

STORAGE:

All Epi-pens shall be stored in accordance with New York State Dept. of Health Policy. Epi-pens shall be stored on District ambulances in a cabinet secured with a minimum a tear away numbered seal. A log shall be maintained in all ambulances with seal numbers, date seal broken, reason for breaking seal, number of new seal applied and name and signature of person breaking seal / resealing the cabinet.

INSPECTION:

All Epi-pens shall be inspected on a regular basis including ambulance checks and before use. Epi-pens which are out of date or appear to be damaged shall be removed from service and not used.

DISPOSAL:

Used Epi-Pens and Epi-pens which are out of date or damaged shall be disposed of in accordance with New York State Dept. of Health regulations and any other applicable state or federal regulations. All District ambulances have sharps containers which may be used for disposal of used, damaged or out of date Epi-pens.